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THE NATIONAL ERA FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

Extension of Time.
We propose to issue the *National Era* for the campaign, from the 1st of May, instant, to the 1st of January, inclusive, complete thirty-nine numbers of the *Era*, covering the whole period of the Presidential campaign, election, and returns, for \$1 a copy, in clubs of five or more.

The reader will note the accustomed chapter from our worthy contributor, Bell Smith. She is always punctual, but the pressure of political matter on our columns is so great that we must lay over part of her story till next week.

The speech of Mr. Sumner, on the Kansas question, commenced last Monday, and concluded the next day, occupying four or five hours in the delivery, was an extraordinary effort, even for that accomplished Senator. He made speeches on the Union, and evinced the profound interest taken both in the subject and orator. We shall commence the publication of the speech in our next paper.

Send in your orders for the "Cheap Document," if you want it. It forms a very neat and instructive volume. See terms, &c., in our advertising column.

We have just received from the Harpers, New York, Allison's Europe, and several other valuable publications, which shall be duly noticed in our Review.

The intelligence from Kansas is calculated to arouse the indignation of the most phlegmatic. The whole force of the Administration is prostituted to the infamous work of enforcing the infamous acts of the Kansas Legislature, imposed on Kansas by "Border Ruffians." The more atrocious system of proslavery persecution never adopted, even in the era of the State Chamber. American citizens in Kansas must submit to harems of dragoons, backed up with United States dragoons to execute it, or throw themselves on the right of revolution. But one peaceful mode of redressing the wrongs of Kansas is to elect a President, and a Congress, which shall undo the devil's work, and visit with swift retribution the devil's agents. If the People of the Free States are not prepared for this, they themselves deserve to wear chains, and suffer the lash of Oppression.

Mr. Buchanan lately paid a visit to Washington. He is in Baltimore, through which he passed, he was welcomed by his friends, and made speeches on the Union, and evinced the profound interest taken both in the subject and orator. We shall commence the publication of the speech in our next paper.

ROBERT PICTURE OF WASHINGTON CITY.—Mr. Bohn has kindly presented us of a copy of a large and handsome picture of Washington city, drawn from nature by Edward Seawood. The Capitol stands in the foreground, represented as completed, and the whole is quite impressive.

JUSTICE DOW.—Messrs. Harlan, Pennington, Galloway, Purvis, Giddings, Cumbuck, and Ringham, of the House of Representatives, have lately visited Judge Leavitt, of Cincinnati, and returned with a report, which is, we are informed, very correct, and has been approved, or acquiesced in by the decision of the case of Gaines and his slaves, Judge Leavitt promptly replied in the negative.

There is another point on which Judge McLean has lately been asked to give an opinion before the public, as will appear by the following correspondence:

"WASHINGTON, May 13, 1856.
"MY DEAR SIR: A friend stated to me yesterday that he understood you to say that I did not think that the United States was bound by the Constitution, to prohibit Slavery in a Territory. I never doubted that Congress had this power, but I could never have expressed any doubt on the subject.

"You may recollect that I have, in conversation, and in writing, frequently urged the power to establish a Territorial Government, in the exercise of a police power over Slavery, although they had no constitutional power to institute it.

"I informed my friend that I was sure he misunderstood you. I drop this note, that in the publication of your answer, you may correct any mistake of the stenographer on this subject. Very truly yours,
JOHN McLEAN.

"WASHINGTON, May 13, 1856.
"MY DEAR SIR: I received your note just as I was preparing to resume my speech, and therefore could not answer you. Your interest in the case of Gaines and his slaves, and the view I took in 1850.

"I have just looked it over, and find I have said nothing to the contrary. I am sorry to refer to your opinion that Congress has no right to control the domestic relations, and in particular to prohibit Slavery in a Territory, in which you deny the power of Congress to introduce Slavery into the Territories. If I can get a paragraph in your paper, you may correct any mistake of the stenographer on this subject. Very truly yours,
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TROUBLE AHEAD.

We print several communications this week, from different sections of the country, in relation to the movement of the Kansas movement. They reveal a state of anxiety and distrust among the old friends of freedom, which politicians cannot overlook without harm.

Intest upon gaining the support of what is called Conservatism, they are in danger of alienating an element without which the Republican movement cannot succeed. We hope, we hope that the veterans of our cause will do nothing rash. Let them do as they can to give a right direction to the action of the Convention at Philadelphia on the 17th of June, and not commit themselves in advance to any projects tending to division. If they fail—if the action of that Convention be such as they cannot sustain, then they can decide on their course. We hope for the best.

But, there are a few things political managers might as well know in advance. There are some of them who never have induced, even by the prospect of a large salary, to rally under the flag of Know Nothingism.

The Secret Order in Chicago nominated for the Mayoralty a Republican, in advance; the Republicans subsequently nominated him; and he was defeated. That was right. Let the Kansas Convention, on the 17th of June, June 12th, pursue a similar policy, and let the Philadelphia Convention ratify it, and inevitable defeat will be the result.

We must have a rally of the People against the Slave-Democracy. If the Know Nothings have no other course, they must resist, and resist from all attempts to make the rally under their banner, on their platform—let them give up the project of making a Presidential nomination in advance, so as to constrain the action of the People, who shall assemble, without distinction of party, at Philadelphia. For one, under no circumstances, will I support a candidate, who is not a member of the People, who shall assemble, without distinction of party, at Philadelphia. For one, under no circumstances, will I support a candidate, who is not a member of the People, who shall assemble, without distinction of party, at Philadelphia.

It is certainly does not seem right that a member of the House charged with such a high duty to answer the charges, should be allowed to occupy his seat, speak and vote, as if nothing unusual had taken place; and as there is no precedent for the action of the House in such a case, why not refer the subject to its Judiciary Committee, to consider it, and report, whether it is proper to suspend the member, or to expel him, or to take any other action.

We can see some of the difficulties that might ensue the question. Should the Committee investigate the facts, and report them to the House as a matter to demand the exclusion of the offender from his seat, it would be a precedent for the House to take such an action, which would be a precedent for the House to take such an action, which would be a precedent for the House to take such an action.

We repeat, it seems to us that a member so charged, ought to relieve the House, by his own act, of any occasion to move in the matter.

THE PEACE IN EUROPE.
On our fourth page may be found a copy of the Treaty of Peace lately concluded in Europe. It is a very important document, and one that will be read with interest by all who are interested in the progress of civilization.

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